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1. The Auxiliary Public Security Guard - Pomocna straz verejne bezpecnosti (referred to in the following as PSVB) at the village of Plesna (N51/P 29) (formerly Fleiszen) was set up in mid-1952. The unit was organized because of the presence of a Collective Farm and a State Tractor Station in the vicinity of the village.<sup>1</sup>
2. The PSVB unit at Plesna consists of about 15 men who are commanded by Hynek (fnu), 41 years of age, head master of the local elementary school. All of the PSVB members are Communist Party members and most of them are manual laborers. They are not paid for their PSVB activities which are performed in addition to their regular jobs. Persons considered suitable for PSVB duty are usually pressed by the Local National Committee to accept PSVB membership, and are warned that it is their duty as party members to participate in the activities of the unit.
3. Frantisek Pata, manager of the restaurant "Cesky dum" at Plesna, was appointed as a PSVB member, but declined the proposal with the excuse that his job did not allow him enough free time to act as a member. His refusal was recognized as justified.
4. PSVB members at Plesna make irregular rounds throughout the town and its vicinity, chiefly in the evenings and night. They patrol in groups of two or three men. While on duty they are armed with rifles and submachine guns of German origin. Except for periods of duty or training, these arms and the ammunition are kept in the building of the Local National Committee. The members wear civilian clothing during the patrols and training. While they are on duty they wear red armbands on the left sleeve.<sup>2</sup> [REDACTED] not know whether special identification papers are issued to them. 25X1A
5. PSVB men are authorized to check any person unknown to them who appears in their town. [REDACTED] one occurrence where two PSVBs, though not on duty at that time, checked two unknown individuals at Skalna (N51/P 39) (formerly Steingrub) and took them to the local SNB station. From this incident [REDACTED] that PSVB members are probably under orders to make checks on unknown persons even when off duty.

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6. Members are trained for their duty by their commander, usually on Sundays; occasionally at night on work-days. Occasionally KGB members are taken to training, or to political events in the neighborhood, by fire department and factory trucks.
7. Guard duty is performed in close cooperation with the local OGB, the local Communist Party organization, and probably the Security Officer (bezpečnostní referent) of the Local National Committee also assist in the control of the KGB activities.
8. KGB members at Ilom are in most cases members of the local Village Militia (vesnická milice) at the same time, and the activities of both organizations are so similar that it is difficult to separate the function of the two organizations. The local population refers to both organizations as the "militia".
9. The "Area Trustee" (oblastový zástupce) is Josef Kuřat, an OGB member. He is in constant touch with the inhabitants of his area and has set up a network of informers among the local population.

1. Comment: On 7 August 1962, Minister of National Security Karel Macilek, announced the organization of the KGB in all communities where there is a Collective Farm or a State Tractor Station. Macilek said that the units would consist of three to ten persons selected from among Collective Farm, State Estate, or State Tractor Station employees on the basis of voluntary enrollment. The functions of the KGB were described as assisting the public security authorities (OGB, Communist Party, and Local National Committee) in the protection of socialized property and the detection of saboteurs by checking on suspicious persons arriving in their respective localities.

2. Comment: A Ministry of National Security order, dated 15 July 1962, stated that KGB members on duty would wear blue armbands 90 millimeters wide on their left upper arms. The armbands carry the inscription "Pomocni straz vesnicka bezpecnostni" in white print, and a number and the official stamp of the Public Security Department of the District National Committee. As far as is known red armbands are worn only by Workers' and Village Militia. Probably

either because the new blue band was not available, or because the KGB personnel are also members of the Village Militia.

3. Comment: General Macilek also announced that "area trustees" would be appointed throughout the country, who were to reveal hostile activities of saboteurs and kulaks. The area trustees were authorized to give "full authority" (sic) to Party executives and National Committee men in case of danger to Collective Farms, State Estates, or State Tractor Stations, or in the prevention of subversive activities.

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